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KID COLT OUTLAW

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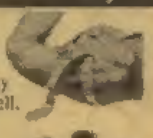

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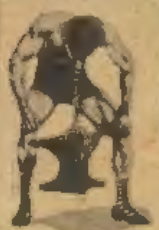

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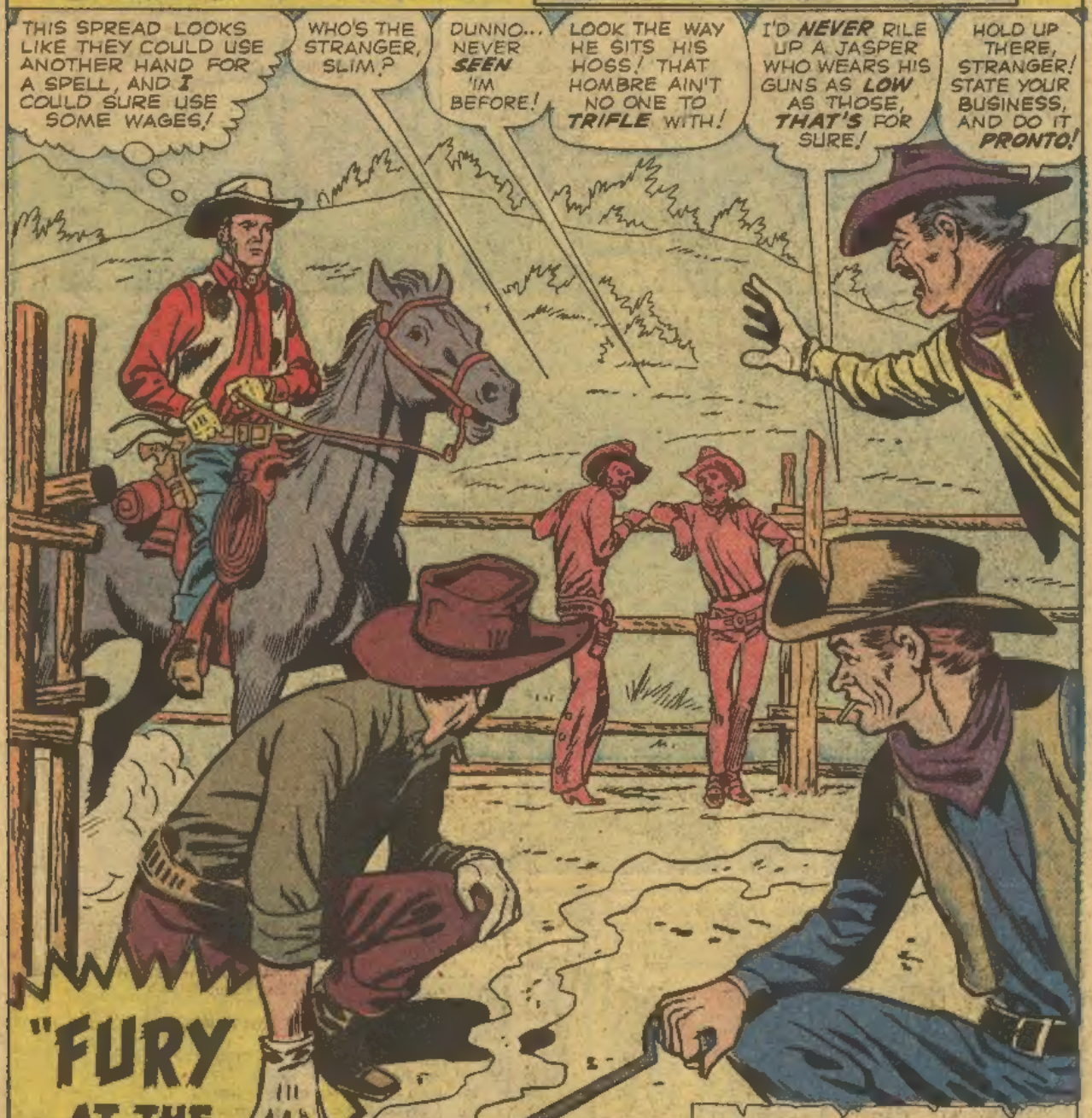
THIS SPREAD LOOKS LIKE THEY COULD USE ANOTHER HAND FOR A SPELL, AND I COULD SURE USE SOME WAGES!
WHO'S THE STRANGER, SLIM?
DUNNO... NEVER SEEN 'IM BEFORE!
LOOK THE WAY HE SITS HIS HOSS! THAT HOMBRE AIN'T NO ONE TO TRIFLE WITH!
I'D NEVER RILE UP A JASPER WHO WEARS HIS GUNS AS LOW AS THOSE, THAT'S FOR SURE!
HOLD UP THERE, STRANGER! STATE YOUR BUSINESS, AND DO IT PRONTO!

"FURY AT THE CIRCLE-R!"

Stan Lee
JACK KELLER
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EVEN A MAN WHO LIVES ON THE TRAIL LIKE KID COLT, NEEDS MONEY IN HIS JEANS FOR AN EMERGENCY! AND WHEN HIS FUNDS GET LOW, THE KID HAS TO SEEK WORK, LIKE ANY OTHER RANNY WHO RIDES THE RANGE! SO WE NOW FIND HIM RIDING INTO THE CORRAL OF THE CIRCLE-R... INTO ANOTHER AMAZING WESTERN ADVENTURE!

THE NAME'S SMITH, AND I THOUGHT MEBBE YUH COULD USE ANOTHER HAND DURIN' ROUND-UP TIME!
WE GOT ALL THE HANDS WE NEED! NOW MAKE TRACKS, MISTER!
BUT MOSS, WE'RE SHORT-HANDED OUT IN THE EAST RANGE!
I'M FOREMAN HERE, HOMBRE! I'LL DECIDE WHETHER WE'RE SHORT-HANDED OR NOT!
WHAP!
NOW WILL YUH RIDE? OR DO YUH WANT A TASTE OF THE SAME?
MOSS-- WAIT!
HE LOOKS HUNGRY, MOSS, AND TIRED! I'M SURE WE COULD FIND WORK FOR HIM... JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR HIM TO MAKE A STAKE! AFTER ALL, I PAY THE WAGES HERE!
ALL RIGHT, MISS RAND, IF'N YOU SAY SO!
THAT NIGHT...
HOW COME THAT FOREMAN OF YOURS WAS SO ANXIOUS NOT TO HIRE ME? DOESN'T HE LIKE STRANGERS?
HE'S AFEARED OF 'EM, SMITH! HE NEVER KNOWS WHEN ONE OF 'EM WILL BE A RANGER!
YEAH, AND THEN HIS LITTLE GAME WILL BE UP!
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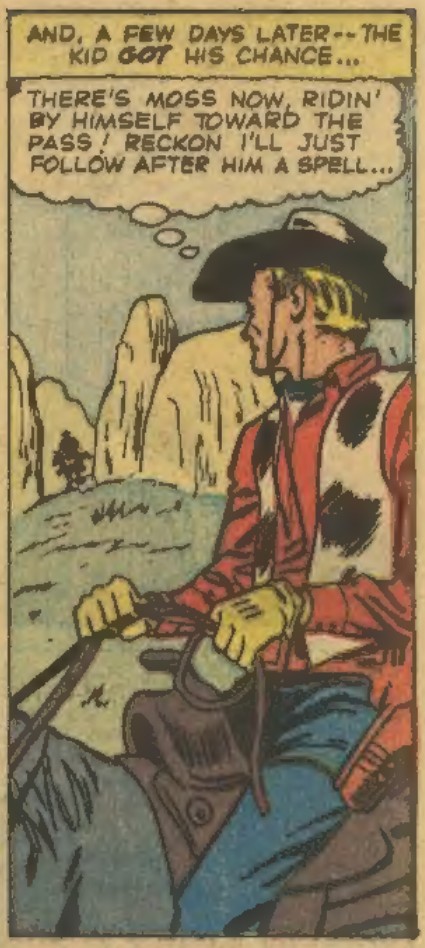
WHAT GAME? WHAT ARE YUH TALKIN' ABOUT, HOMBRE?
FORGET IT, SMITH! I SAID TOO MUCH ALREADY!
YEAH, IT AIN'T HEALTHY TO TALK ABOUT MOSS AROUND HERE! HE'D GUN A MAN JUST AS SOON AS LOOK AT 'IM!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, AS THE KID RODE THE EAST RANGE, HE KEPT TURNING MOSS OVER IN HIS MIND...
HE'S DOIN' SOMETHING SHADY, THAT'S FOR SURE! RECKON I OWE IT TO THAT NICE MISS RAND TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!


AND, A FEW DAYS LATER--THE KID GOT HIS CHANCE...
THERE'S MOSS NOW, RIDIN' BY HIMSELF TOWARD THE PASS! RECKON I'LL JUST FOLLOW AFTER HIM A SPELL...

FOR A MAN LIKE KID COLT, TRAILING WAS A SECOND NATURE! HE FOLLOWED THE BULLY AT A SAFE DISTANCE, WITH THE SILENCE AND STEALTH OF AN APACHE!
HE KEEPS LOOKIN' OFF TO THE NORTH, AS THOUGH HE'S AIMIN' TO MEET SOMEBODY!

AND THEN, THE KID'S HUNCH PAID OFF...
IT'S A STRANGER... WITH SOME STEERS! THEY'RE CIRCLE-R STOCK! SO THAT'S IT! HE'S SELLIN' MISS RAND'S CATTLE TO A RUSTLER!

THAT NIGHT...
MISS RAND, I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND ME BUTTIN' IN, BUT I WANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION... HAVE YOU BEEN MISSING ANY STOCK LATELY?
WHY, YES! BUT I'M SURE MOSS WILL FIND THE STEERS SOONER OR LATER! THEY MUST HAVE WANDERED OFF!

MOSS!
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S A GOOD THING I GOT HERE IN TIME, MISS RAND! I JUST FOUND OUT WHO THIS HOMBRE IS! HE'S KID COLT, THE OWLHOOT!
KID COLT!

HE'S RIGHT, MA'AM-- BUT I MEANT NO HARM! I'M JUST TRYIN' TO HELP YUH!
YOU'LL HELP ALL RIGHT! THE REWARD MONEY FOR YORE CAPTURE WILL HELP PAY FOR SOME OF THEM MISSIN' STEERS! NOW REACH!

AT THAT INSTANT, THE KID SEETHED WITH UNCONTROLABLE FURY! HE HAD TO STOP MOSS, IF IT MEANT HIS OWN LIFE! AND SO, WITH THE SPEED OF A LUNGING PUMA, HE STRUCK!

DURSTINE, IF THAT'S YORE NAME, KEEP YORE EYES OPEN NOW--ON ACCOUNTA I'M ABOUT TO GIVE YUH AN EDUCATION!
N-NO FUNNY STUFF, KID!
BEFORE THE VERY EYES OF THE THREE DUMB-FOUNDED ONLOOKERS, THE KID PERFORMED THE MOST FANTASTIC FEAT IN THE ANNALS OF GUN-LORE! FACING A MAN WHO ALREADY HAD HIS WEAPON AIMED AT HIM, THE KID DREW AND BEAT HIS FOE TO THE FIRST SHOT!
NOTHIN' FUNNY ABOUT THIS!
NOW, MISS RAND, IF YOU AND THESE TWO ORNERY JASPERS WILL RIDE TO THE EAST RANGE WITH ME, I'LL SHOW YUH PROOF THAT THEY'VE BEEN STEALIN' YORE STOCK UNDER YOUR VERY NOSE!
YUH FOOL, WHY DIDN'T YUH SHOOT 'IM?
HOW DO YUH SHOOT A STREAK OF LIGHTNING?
NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, THE YOUNG OWNER OF THE CIRCLE-R HAD ALL THE EVIDENCE SHE NEEDED!
THEY'RE MY CATTLE, ALL RIGHT! AND TO THINK I TRUSTED MOSS!
WE KINDA SUSPECTED IT, MISS RAND, BUT MOSS THREATENED TO SHOOT ANYONE WHO OPENED HIS MOUTH!
KID, I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU'VE DONE! I WANT YOU TO STAY AND-- KID-- KID! WHERE ARE YOU?
THERE HE GOES MA'AM! YUH JUST CAN'T KEEP A HOMBRE LIKE KID COLT IN ANY ONE PLACE FOR LONG!
IF--IF EVER HE RIDES THIS WAY AGAIN--THERE'LL ALWAYS BE A PLACE FOR HIM HERE! IN MY RANCH--AND, IN MY... HEART!
BUT, SATISFIED WITH HIS ONE MONTH'S WAGES, AND NEVER SUSPECTING HOW NANCY RAND FELT ABOUT HIM, KID COLT RODE OFF, TO KEEP HIS DATE WITH ADVENTURE, DANGER, AND DESTINY!
THE END
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THE SLACKER

CAL FURNESS woke to the sound of a hammer blow on metal. This was the day when the roundup on the open range of his Bar F Bar ranch began.

Mrs. Furness was already downstairs preparing breakfast for the whole family and the bunkhouse boys. There was a puzzled look on Cal's face as he struggled into his pants and peered out the window. There was no fire in the forge. Instead, the hammering suddenly ceased, and Cal's fifteen-year-old son, Ben, came out of the forge carrying a piece of iron. The ranch owner's face darkened as he watched Ben put the iron down and go into the kitchen. He was disappointed in Ben, for he felt Ben was a slacker. He'd expected his only son to follow in his footsteps as a cattle raiser. Ben did his ranch chores, all right, but he did them as if he had no interest in them. Mr. Furness suspected his son had worked overtime around the barns and corrals just to pile up time so he wouldn't have to go on the roundup. But why, he couldn't figure out.

Heaving a sigh, Cal went down to breakfast, said a hearty good morning and sat down, his eyes on his son. Ben seemed to be enjoying himself. His father knew he couldn't accuse the boy, even in his own heart, of being lazy. He just didn't seem to like ranch work . . . and that was not understandable to a ranch owner.

"That you hammerin' iron out in the forge, son?" Mr. Furness asked.

Ben nodded. "Just riveting some old pieces together," he said. "I've been puttering round the stuff in the old borax mine."

His father's glance went out the window, toward the distant slope and the big hole gashed in its side that marked the old, worked-out borax mine that had come with the land when it had been turned back to range and sold many years before. The long, rusty, mile-long track of narrow iron rails still ran up to the gash in the rise side. Mr. Furness wondered if he should press the matter. Feelings between himself and Ben had been a little strained for some time. But he figured it really wasn't any business of his what the boy was doing, and kept silent.

It was near eight o'clock when the boss and the bunkhouse crew rose and went out to the corrals. Cal Furness glanced at the piece of old iron Ben had been working on. He couldn't imagine what it was for, dismissed the subject from his mind and turned immediately to the day's work. Several wagons were already rolling out of the ranchyard loaded with equipment, among them the chuck wagon, with a small portable forge stowed comfortably in its capacious fuel box.

The rest of the crew and Mr. Furness got into the saddle and started east ahead of the wagons. There would be plenty of work to be done rounding up the cattle for the march to market, long before the wagons reached the spot where the calves would be branded and then turned loose to graze once more.

They rode quickly, high-tailing it along a well-marked trail that brought them to the grassy, eastern range within an hour. From here, on a rise, most of the gently sloping plains could be seen. The main herd was grazing peacefully about two miles away; a second herd, somewhat smaller, was grazing beyond to the south.

The roundup began immediately.

Within an hour or so the two herds had been brought together and the tedious work began of separating the marketable cattle from the vast mass of them. In the meantime, the chuck wagon arrived, the forge was taken out and fires were lighted both in the cook-stove and the forge. Tate Hascomb the foreman, set the forge up and then went to consult Mr. Furness.

"I don't like it," he said. "Grass is pretty dry, but there's no other place to set the forge up. Reckon we'll have to be extra careful."

Mr. Furness nodded. A fire could start, and, though it could be easily put out, other damage might result; he shud-

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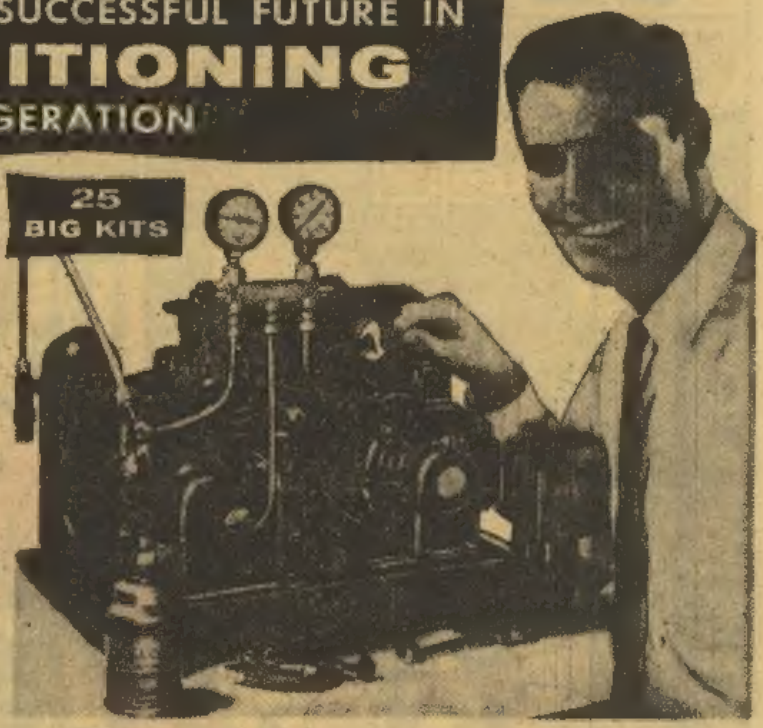

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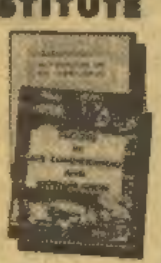

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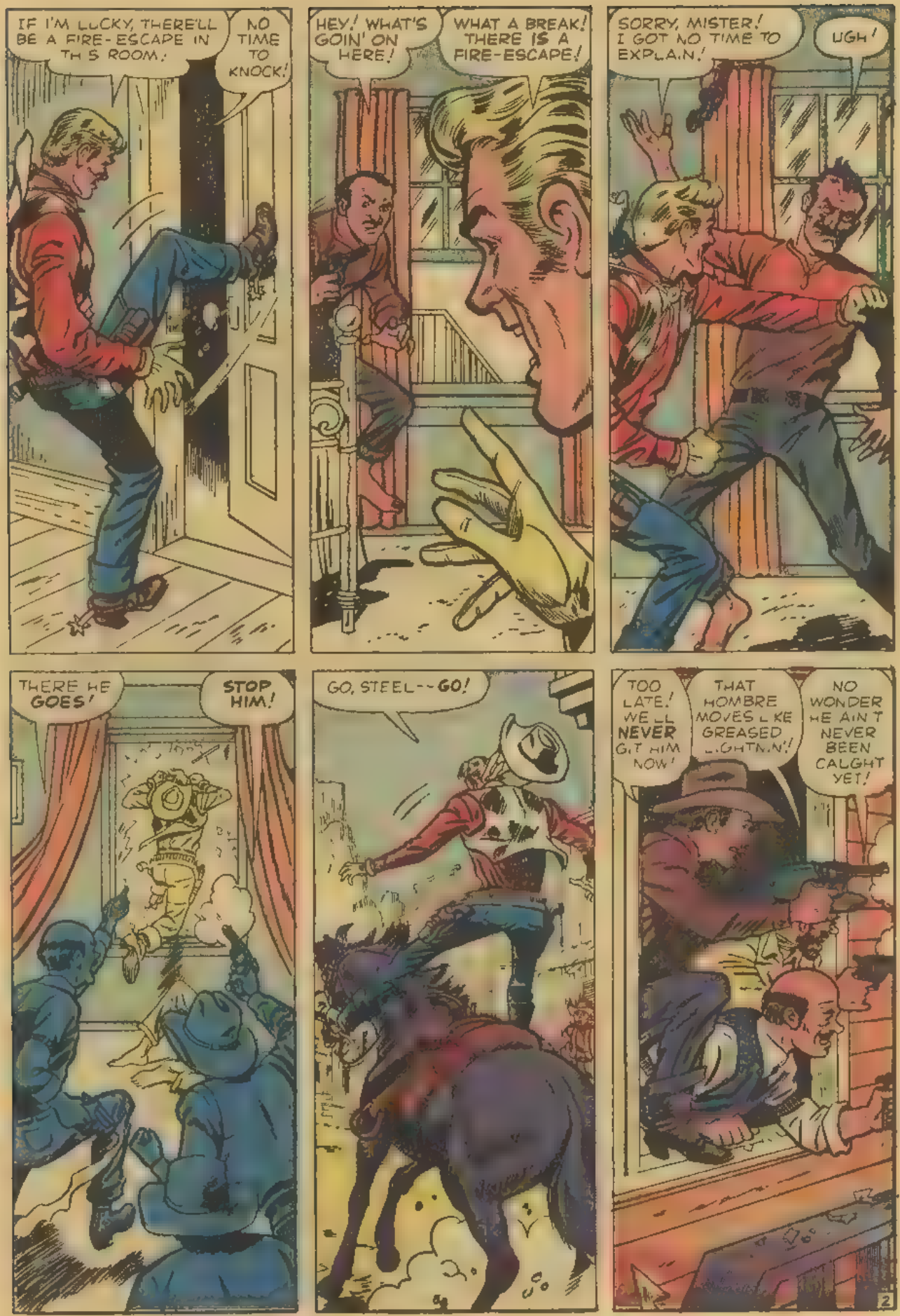
UP THERE -- IT'S KID COLT, THE OUTLAW!
DON'T LET 'IM GIT AWAY!
WE'LL SHOW THESE OWLHOOTS THEY CAN'T HIDE OUT IN OUR TOWN!
IF HE'S CAPTURED HERE, THIS'LL PUT SMOKEY RIDGE ON THE MAP!
I WAS AFRAID I'D BE RECOGNIZED HERE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE TRACKS, PRONTO! BUT HOW??
SMOKEY RIDGE, TEXAS! JUST A DOT ON THE MAP! BUT IT WAS THE TOWN WHERE KID COLT WAS RECOGNIZED--AND IT WAS THE TOWN FROM WHICH ONE OF HIS MOST DRAMATIC ADVENTURES BEGAN! LET'S PICK UP THE STORY AT THE WET WHISTLE SALOON, AS THE KID RUNS FOR HIS FREEDOM, AND FOR HIS VERY LIFE!
by Stan Lee
JACK KELLER
"GIVE ME YOUR GUNS!"


IF I'M LUCKY, THERE'LL BE A FIRE-ESCAPE IN THIS ROOM!
NO TIME TO KNOCK!
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE!
WHAT A BREAK! THERE IS A FIRE-ESCAPE!
SORRY, MISTER! I GOT NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!
UGH!
THERE HE GOES!
STOP HIM!
GO, STEEL--GO!
TOO LATE! WE'LL NEVER GIT HIM NOW!
THAT HOMBRE MOVES LIKE GREASED LIGHTN'N'!
NO WONDER HE AIN'T NEVER BEEN CAUGHT YET!
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FOR LONG, BREATHLESS HOURS, MAN AND MOUNT RACED THRU THE COUNTRYSIDE, FRANTICALLY, FEARFULLY, LETTING THE MILES PILE UP BETWEEN THEM AND THE TOWN OF SMOKEY RIDGE! KNOWING THAT EVERY SECOND THAT PASSED BROUGHT THEM A SECOND CLOSER TO FREEDOM...EVEN IF ONLY TILL THE NEXT TIME THEY WERE RECOGNIZED!

I THINK WE'VE DONE IT, BOY! WE'RE IN THE CLEAR ...FOR A **WHILE** ANYHOW!

DAWN FOUND THEM AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF ANOTHER TOWN, MILES AWAY...

RECKON WE GOTTA TAKE OUR CHANCES, BOY! WE CAN'T STAY IN THE HILLS FOREVER! MEBBE THEY WON'T SPOT US HERE!

SO FAR SO GOOD, STEEL PAL! WITH LUCK, WE'LL BE ABLE TO REST UP HERE A SPELL, AFORE PUSHIN' ON!

HOTEL + BAR

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AND THEN, IT **HAPPENED!**

THAT'S AS FAR AS YUH GO, KID! LIFT YORE HANDS AND GIT DOWN OFFA THAT HOSS...WITHOUT MAKIN' NO FAST MOVES!

THE **SHERIFF!**

JAKE CRANE — BLACKSMITH

RECKON YUH GOT ME, LAWMAN! BUT HOW--?

I SAW YUH IN ACTION ONCE, DOWN ABILINE WAY! AIN'T LIKELY I'D EVER FORGET THE MOST FAMOUS GUN IN THE WEST!

WELL, LET'S GO! AT LEAST I OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO GIT **SOME REST** IN YORE JAIL...AND I CAN SHORE USE THAT!

I NEVER SAID NOTHIN' ABOUT **JAIL**, HOMBRE! TIME I SAW YUH IN ABILINE, YUH WERE ROUNDIN' UP A MESS OF OWLHOOTS AS GOOD AS ANY LAWMAN COULDA DONE! FAR AS I KNOW, YORE A SQUARE JASPER, AND YUH AIN'T WANTED IN **THIS** TOWN!

BUT I WANT THEM **GUNS OF** YOURS!

KID, AS LONG AS YUH LEAVE YORE IRONS WITH ME, AND YUH STAY OUTTA TROUBLE, YORE FREE AS A BIRD HERE IN PECOS! BUT IF I CATCH YUH WITH A GUN, I'LL SEND YUH BACK TO THE COUNTY SEAT AFORE YUH CAN BAT AN EYE!
YUH REALLY MEAN IT, SHERIFF?
I'VE GOT NO WEAPONS, BUT I'M FREE! FREE! I CAN STAY HERE AS LONG AS I WANT, WITHOUT WORRYIN' ABOUT BEIN' SPOTTED, OR GUNNED AT BY THE LAW!
SHERIFF, YUH GOT MUH PROMISE! YUH WON'T SEE ME WITH A GUN! AND I'LL STAY OUTTA ANY TROUBLE! AND I THANK YUH, MOST HUMBLY!
I GOT A FEELIN I CAN TAKE YOUR WORD, KID! DON'T LET ME DOWN!
AND SO IT CAME TO PASS THAT KID COLT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE CITIZENS OF PECOS! HE CAME AND WENT LIKE ANY HONEST, LAW-ABIDING MAN, AND HIS HEART WAS LIGHT! UNTIL ONE DAY...
THOSE HOMBRES RIDIN' INTO TOWN--THEY'RE GUNNER HAWKINS AND HIS PARDS, THE YATE BROTHERS! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN BIG TROUBLE FOR THE SHERIFF!
EAT
LOOK! I'LL BE BLAMED IF THAT AIN'T KID COLT HISSELF!
RECKON HE AIMS TO TREE THIS TOWN AFORE WE DO?
LET'S FIND OUT!
HEY, KID! WE WANNA PALAVER WITH YUH!
DIDN'T KNOW YUH WERE IN THESE PARTS, KID! GOT A JOB LINED UP HERE? IT LOOKS LIKE A MIGHTY EASY TOWN TO OPERATE IN!
IT ISN'T, GUNNER! THE SHERIFF IS HONEST, AND HE'S TOUGH! I FIGGER YOU BOYS BETTER BE PUSHIN' ON!
WE WUZ RIGHT, BOYS! HE'S FIGGERIN' ON PULLIN' SOMETHIN' HERE ALL BY HISSELF, AND HE DON'T WANT US SPOILIN' TH NGS!
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I MEAN IT, HOMBRES! IF YUH TRY ANYTHING HERE, I'LL--
YUH'LL WHAT??! I SEE YUH AIN'T EVEN CARRYIN' A GUN!
HE AIN'T? THEN LET'S TEACH HIM A LITTLE LESSON!
WE'RE STAYIN' IN PECOS, KID! SAVVY?
AND THE NEXT TIME WE SEE YUH, WE MAY NOT TREAT YUH SO GENTLE! LET'S GO, BOYS!
THOSE THREE GUNNIES COULD WRECK THIS TOWN! BUT WHAT CAN I DO WITHOUT A GUN??
BRAWLIN' IN THE STREET, EH, KID? IF THE SHERIFF FINDS OUT, HE AIN'T A'GOIN TO LIKE IT!
LISTEN, I GOTTA TALK TO THE SHERIFF! GOTTA WARN HIM OF SOMETHING...
WELL, YUH'LL HAVE TO TALK PRETTY LOUD! HE'S OVER BY GILA RANGE... WON'T BE BACK IN TOWN TILL TOMORROW!
THEN I HAVETA TELL THE DEPUTY! THERE'S TROUBLE BREWIN'!
AIN'T NO DEPUTY! THE SHERIFF'S ALL THE LAW THERE IS IN PECOS! BESIDES, WHO'D BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY, MISTER?
THEY'RE RIGHT! NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME! AND NOW, WITH GUNNER AND THE YATES BROTHERS HERE IN TOWN, AND THE SHERIFF AWAY, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!
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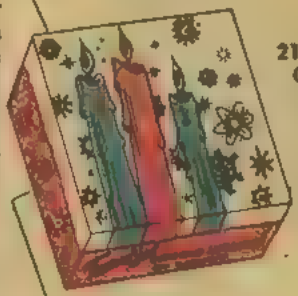

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SHOTS! THEY'VE STARTED ALREADY! NO ONE IN THIS TOWN IS A MATCH FOR THOSE GUNSLINGERS! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
CRACK!
CRACK!
THROWING CAUTION TO THE WIND, THE KID WENT INTO ACTION LIKE A WELL-OILED MACHINE--WITHOUT ONE SECOND'S HESITATION!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO! MY COLTS ARE IN HERE--AND I NEED 'EM!
THERE THEY ARE! I JUST HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!
MEANWHILE, A LITTLE WAYS DOWN THE STREET...
THAT'S IT, HOMBRES! IF'N NOBODY MAKES A WRONG MOVE, NOBODY'LL GIT HURT!
THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY, GUNNER... BUT I AIN'T COMPLAININ'!
CASHIER
YUH CAN'T TAKE THAT MONEY! IT'LL BANKRUPT THIS TOWN! IT'S OUR LIFE'S SAVINGS!
WHAT'LL OUR WIVES DO--AND OUR KIDS?
CUT IT OUT, MISTER! YORE BREAKIN' OUR HEARTS! HAW HAW HAW!
DROP THOSE MONEY-BAGS, GUNNER!
IT'S THE KID!
AND HE'S WEARIN' HIS GUNS!
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ALL RIGHT, KID! DON'T GIT RILED UP! WE'LL SPLIT THE GOLD WITH YUH-- EVEN IF WE DID ALL THE WORK! HOW'S THAT SOUND TO YUH?
DROP THOSE SACKS, I SAID!
HE MEANS IT, BOYS! GUN 'IM DOWN!
THE KID KNEW THE ODDS WERE ALMOST HOPELESS, BUT THERE WAS A BLAZING FURY WITHIN HIM! PECOS WAS THE ONLY TOWN WHICH HAD [redacted] ACCEPTED HIM! AND THE SHERIFF ONE OF THE ONLY MEN EVER TO BEFRIEND HIM! HE COULDN'T FAIL!
I WARNED YUH!!
SO RAPIDLY DID THE SHOTS RING OUT THAT THE THREE SOUNDED LIKE ONE! THREE ARROW-STRAIGHT BLASTS FROM KID COLT'S LEGENDARY IRONS, AND THREE GUNS WENT FLYING OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE THUNDER-STRUCK WOULD-BE BANK ROBBERS BEFORE ANY ONE OF THEM COULD SQUEEZE HIS TRIGGER!
CRACK! CRACK! CRACK!
YUH CAN SLAP 'EM IN JAIL NOW, MEN, UNTIL THE SHERIFF RETURNS MY JOB'S DONE!
I NEVER SEEN THE LIKE! HE BEAT ALL THREE OF 'EM SIX WAYS TO THURSDAY!
THE SHERIFF'LL MOST LIKELY WANNA GIVE YUH A REWARD WHEN HE RETURNS, K.D!
I WON'T BE HERE WHEN HE RETURNS! I MADE A PROMISE, AND I BROKE IT! NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON, I WENT BACK ON MUH WORD! DON'T RECKON I CAN FACE YORE LAWMAN AFTER THAT! 'PEARS A MAN LIKE ME ALWAYS HAS TO WEAR HIS IRONS, AND THAT'S THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT!
LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER..
... AND THAT'S WHAT HE SAID, SHERIFF, AFORE HE RODE OFF!
AIN'T MANY MEN WHO COULD DO WHAT HE DID, AND THEN STILL FEEL GUILTY ABOUT BREAKIN' HIS PROMISE! GENTLEMEN, HIS DEPARTURE IS A LOSS TO THIS TOWN-- TO ANY TOWN! I TAKE OFF MY HAT TO KID COLT! IT'LL BE MANY A MOON AFORE WE SEE HIS LIKE AGAIN!
AND SO THE KID LEFT THE ONE TOWN WHERE HE HAD FOUND SANCTUARY, AND RODE OFF TO NEW DANGERS--TO NEW ADVENTURES-- TO NEW SAGAS, TO BE ADDED TO THE ALREADY LEGENDARY EXPLOITS OF... KID COLT, OUTLAW!
THE END

THE GUNSMOKE KID

GUNS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENOUGH AGAINST THE PIUTES AND THE RENEGADE WHITE MAN WHO LED THEM! BUT THE KID HAD A... SECRET WEAPON!
YOU HEARD ME, ANDREWS! YOU'LL MAKE ME YOUR PARTNER, OR MY PIUTES WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH OF A MAN TO BE BRAVE WITH A WAR PARTY BACKING HIM UP, MISTER! I DON'T THINK I LIKE YOUR KIND OF ODDS!
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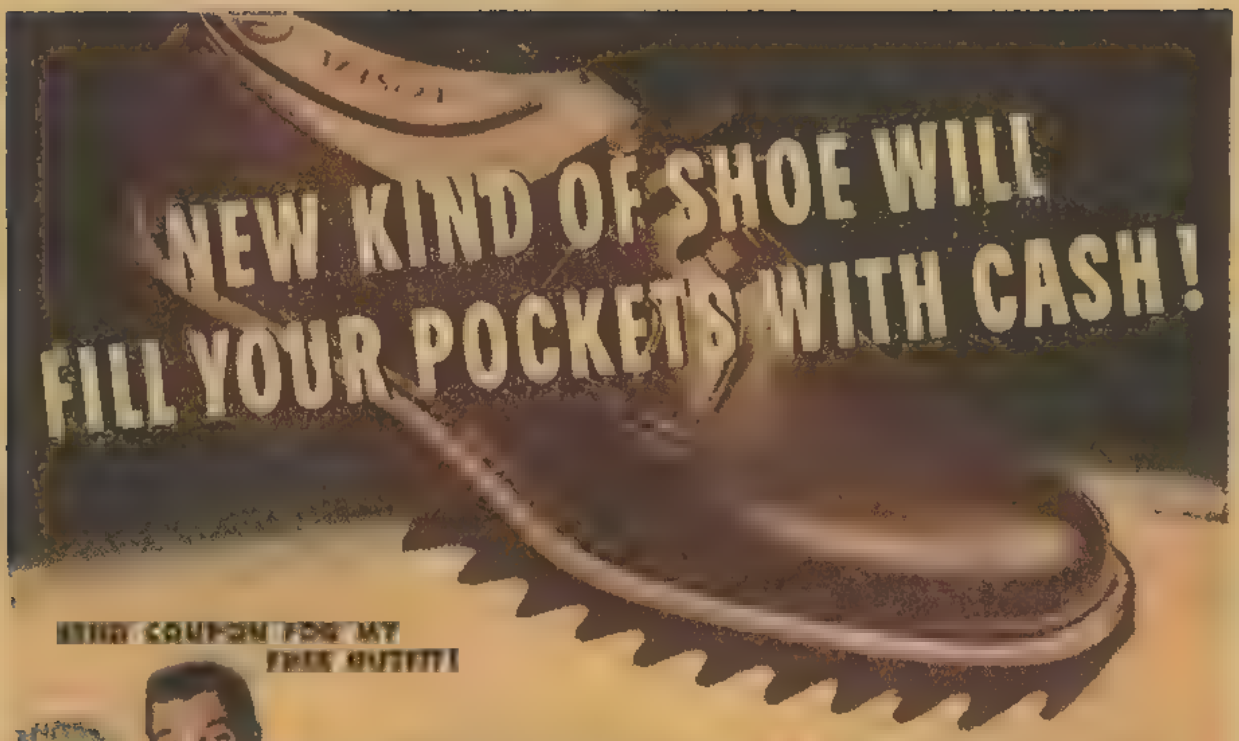

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LIKE I SAID, I DON'T LIKE YOUR KIND OF ODDS, MISTER! SO SUPPOSE WE EVEN THINGS UP A BIT!
NOW MAKE TRACKS!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT BEFORE I'M DONE, YOU'LL WISH YOU'D KEPT YOUR NOSE OUT OF THIS!
YOU OKAY, MISTER? I'M THE GUNSMOKE KID! I WAS RIDING BY
THE GUNSMOKE KID? YOU'RE AS BAD AS BENTON! YOU WANT MY GOLD
I DON'T WANT YOUR GOLD! AND WHO'S BENTON?
YOU JUST MET HIM! HE'S BLOOD BROTHER TO THE PIUTES! HE SAYS IF I DON'T MAKE HIM A PARTNER IN MY MINE, THE PIUTES WILL KILL ME!
AT FIRST THERE SEEMED NOTHING STRANGE IN THE SITUATION. WHERE THERE'S GOLD, THERE ARE USUALLY THIEVES
I SEE! THEN HE'LL PROBABLY BE BACK! I'D BETTER STAY AROUND!
NO! I DON'T WANT ANY GUNSLINGER AROUND HERE! I CAN'T TRUST YOU ANY MORE THAN I CAN TRUST BENTON!
YOU'D BETTER! STAND STILL! THERE'S A BIG LOBO BEHIND YOU
NO! THAT'S KING! DON'T SHOOT!
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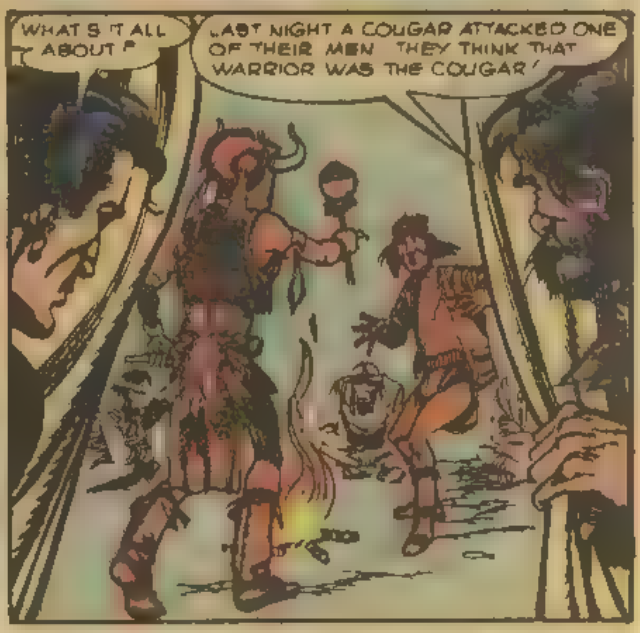
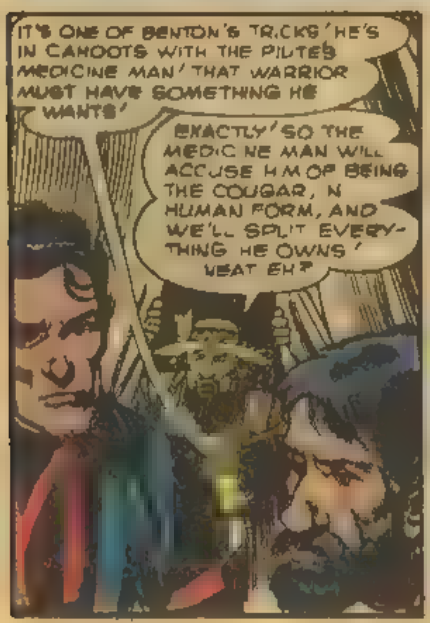
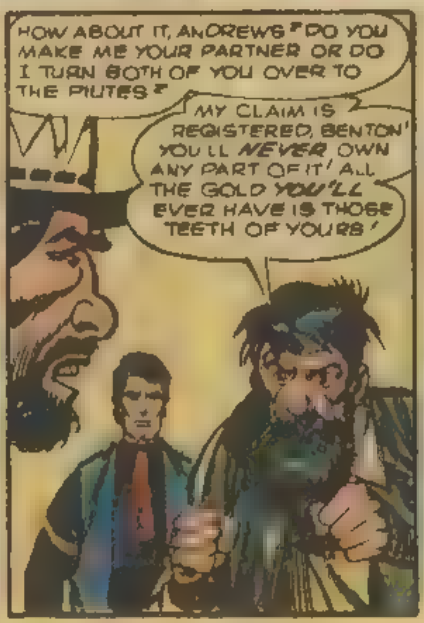
THE KID FOUGHT! BUT THE TRAP HAD BEEN CLEVERLY BAITED AND SPRUNG! DARKNESS CLOSED IN! WHEN HE OPENED HIS EYES, IT WAS TO A NIGHTMARE




IT'S ONE OF BENTON'S TRICKS! HE'S IN CAHOOTS WITH THE PIUTES MEDICINE MAN! THAT WARRIOR MUST HAVE SOMETHING HE WANTS!
EXACTLY! SO THE MEDICINE MAN WILL ACCUSE HIM OF BEING THE COUGAR, IN HUMAN FORM, AND WE'LL SPLIT EVERYTHING HE OWNS! NEAT EH?


HOW ABOUT IT, ANDREWS? DO YOU MAKE ME YOUR PARTNER OR DO I TURN BOTH OF YOU OVER TO THE PIUTES?
MY CLAIM IS REGISTERED, BENTON! YOU'LL NEVER OWN ANY PART OF IT! ALL THE GOLD YOU'LL EVER HAVE IS THOSE TEETH OF YOURS!

I GAVE YOU YOUR CHANCE! TOMORROW MORNING, WHEN THE PIUTES GET THEIR HANDS ON YOU, YOU'LL SING A DIFFERENT SONG!
BUT TOMORROW MORNING WAS STILL HOURS AWAY...
THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT OF HERE! IF WE COULD JUST GET OUR HANDS ON A COUPLE OF GUNS...
EVEN WITH GUNS, IT WOULD BE TOUGH! THERE ARE A HUNDRED INDIANS OUT THERE! BUT MAYBE WE'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER THAN GUNS!
LOOK! KING! HE FOLLOWED ME! KING, GET OUT! IF THEY SEE HIM, THEY'LL SHOOT HIM
NO! MAKE HIM STAY! HE CAN GET US OUT OF THIS! WITH THIS FOOD THE PIUTES LEFT HERE DO YOU HAVE ANY GOLD ON YOU?
SO I WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE AFTER MY GOLD!
DON'T BE A FOOL! I'M IN AS MUCH DANGER AS YOU ARE! BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY GOLD WE MIGHT STILL GET OUT OF THIS MESS IN ONE PIECE!
I'VE GOT ABOUT AN OUNCE OF DUST! BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
BUT THERE IS A TIME FOR EXPLAINING AND A TIME FOR WORK! THE KID WORKED, WHILE ANDREWS STOOD GUARD...
OKAY, I'M DONE! NOW FOR THE BIG QUESTION! WILL KING OBEY YOU? HAVE YOU TAUGHT HIM ANYTHING?
SURE! HE DOES EVERYTHING I TELL HIM TO!
IT'S A BRIGHT NIGHT! GOOD! SEE THOSE HORSES? TELL KING TO GO AFTER THEM! HE'S GOT TO STAMPEDE THEM! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
IT'S LOCO, BUT IF YOU SAY SO, OKAY!
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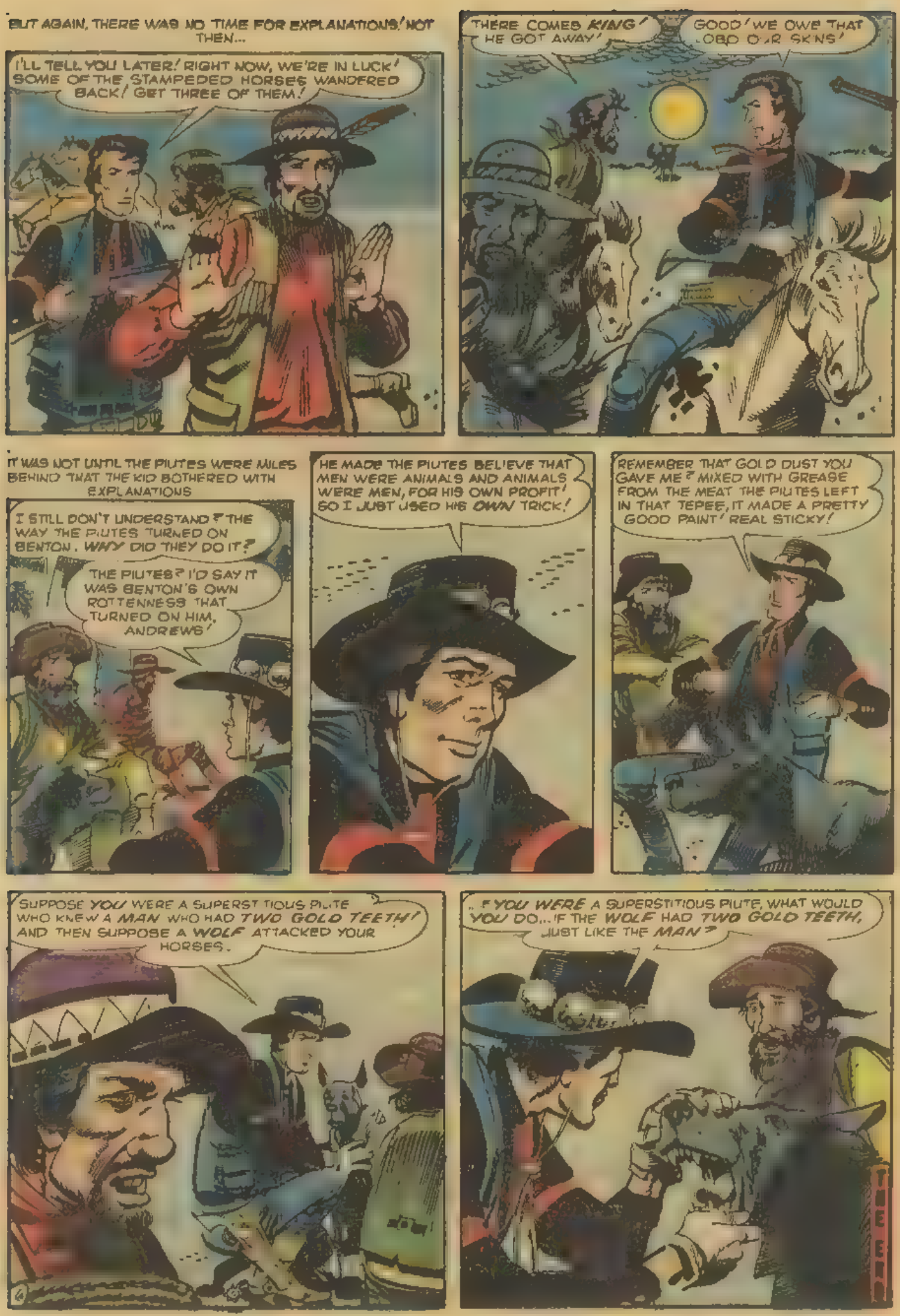
TO ANDREWS, THE KID'S WORDS MADE NO SENSE! BUT, SOON...
THE HORSES... THEY WERE STAMPEDED BY A WOLF! I SAW!
IT WAS A DEVIL! I SAW IT! THE WOLF WAS A DEVIL!
OKAY! LETS GO!
KID! THE PIUTES! THEY'RE HEADED THIS WAY! BUT THEY'RE AFTER BENTON!
THEN IT WORKED!
ALL RIGHT! STAND STILL! ALL OF YOU! WE'RE LEAVING, AND WE'RE TAKING BENTON WITH US!
POW!
THAT'S IT! JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE! BENTON WILL GET HIS PUNISHMENT! BUT HE'LL GET IT IN A COURTROOM! WHITE MAN'S JUSTICE!
THEY'RE NOT COMING AFTER US! WHY? WHAT'S GOING ON?


BUT AGAIN, THERE WAS NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS! NOT THEN...
I'LL TELL YOU LATER! RIGHT NOW, WE'RE IN LUCK! SOME OF THE STAMPEDED HORSES WANDERED BACK! GET THREE OF THEM!
THERE COMES KING! HE GOT AWAY!
GOOD! WE OWE THAT LOBO DOG SKINS!
IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE PIUTES WERE MILES BEHIND THAT THE KID BOTHERED WITH EXPLANATIONS
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WAY THE PIUTES TURNED ON BENTON. WHY DID THEY DO IT?
THE PIUTES? I'D SAY IT WAS BENTON'S OWN ROTTENNESS THAT TURNED ON HIM, ANDREWS!
HE MADE THE PIUTES BELIEVE THAT MEN WERE ANIMALS AND ANIMALS WERE MEN, FOR HIS OWN PROFIT! SO I JUST USED HIS OWN TRICK!
REMEMBER THAT GOLD DUST YOU GAVE ME? MIXED WITH GREASE FROM THE MEAT THE PIUTES LEFT IN THAT TEPEE, IT MADE A PRETTY GOOD PAINT! REAL STICKY!
SUPPOSE YOU WERE A SUPERSTITIOUS PIUTE WHO KNEW A MAN WHO HAD TWO GOLD TEETH! AND THEN SUPPOSE A WOLF ATTACKED YOUR HORSES.
...IF YOU WERE A SUPERSTITIOUS PIUTE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO...IF THE WOLF HAD TWO GOLD TEETH, JUST LIKE THE MAN?
THE END
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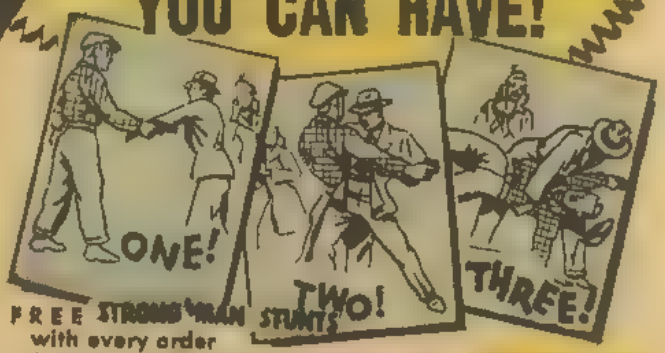

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dered, not wanting to even think of it. Water was too precious to be used merely for damping down the forge area . . . besides it would only sink in the ground. He turned as he heard the hiss of the kerosene-soaked cottonwood twigs and coals that had been brought for fuel. The forge furnace flared up and the branding irons were laid across it. Then a deep bellowing made him turn his head swiftly. The calves had been separated into several batches, but one of the batches of marketable steers was edging close to the temporary encampment, nervous from confinement.

"Get them out of here!" Mr. Furness called to two of his men.

They moved toward the batch, lariats swinging, but the first steer pawed the turf, backed a little, then broke loose, charging.

"Look out!" Tate Hascomb yelled, jumping aside, and pulling the camp cook along with him. Everybody in sight ducked, for a charging steer was a force that nothing, save itself, could stop.

WHUMP!

The steer collided with the broad side of the chuck wagon, which immediately went over. Its whiffletree swung forward, knocking over the portable forge. Blazing fires from both cook and forge hearths scattered over the dry grass, setting fire to it in an instant.

"Water buckets!" Mr. Furness yelled. "We've got to stop that fire right in its tracks!"

His yell was followed by a sudden movement of the whole herd. The men, scrambling for water, didn't notice it at first; then the animals, led by the frightened steer, charged forward. The men bent to their task; within five minutes the fires had been doused with urgency, for an uncontrolled blaze might have destroyed thousands of acres of dry feed-grass. But already the herd was on its way west. Every man there scrambled into the saddle, just as the herd's tail-end disappeared over a rise.

Mr. Furness led them, galloping forward; he knew the real danger. The herd would naturally follow the trail which lay at the bottom of gentle slopes . . . and the trail itself led right back to the ranch house and other buildings.

There was no way of warning those still at home. He dared not draw gun and fire in the air until he and his men had partly circled the herd, for the natural instinct of steers is to shy away from gunshot noises. Firing from behind would only urge them forward. But the animals, frightened by the fire, were now in full flight. They pounded over the horizon, a tossing mass of horned heads, while the bunkhouse crew strained their mounts to keep them in sight.

Furness realized they were approaching the site of the ranch house. On the distant horizon a roof, then two, then three leaped into view. The herd, he could see plainly, was headed almost directly for the collection of buildings. He uttered a silent prayer. Then his eyes fell on the open mouth of the abandoned borax mine, and he gasped. From its mouth poured clouds of steam. Then, with a great hissing and rattling, the tiny old donkey-engine he had thought entirely out of commission rolled out of the opening, followed by its long line of ore cars. Down, right across the path of the oncoming herd, over its rusty rails, rolled the train, making a lot of noise.

The stampeding mass of cattle seemed to pause for just one instant in its onward rush . . . then the whole front of the herd swerved away from the puffing, huffing engine with its rolling wall of cars. A moment later, the bunkhouse crew, with shots from their guns had seized the opportunity, cut across the herd's front in a semi-circle and were forcing the rush back slowly in the direction from which it had come.

Mr. Furness stopped, mopping his brow. He rode up to the smiling Ben who sat in the how stopped cab of the little engine

"So that's what you were doing with that iron," his father said.

"I used it to fix the boiler of the engine, dad," Ben said. "That's what I'm really interested in . . . machinery. But I never thought that when I fired her up, I'd . . ."

"Neither did *I* think you'd be the means of saving the house and barns," Mr. Furness said, and grinned. "You're wasting your talents on a ranch, son . . . you're going to engineer's school!"

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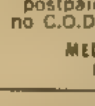

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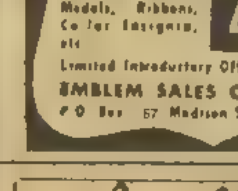

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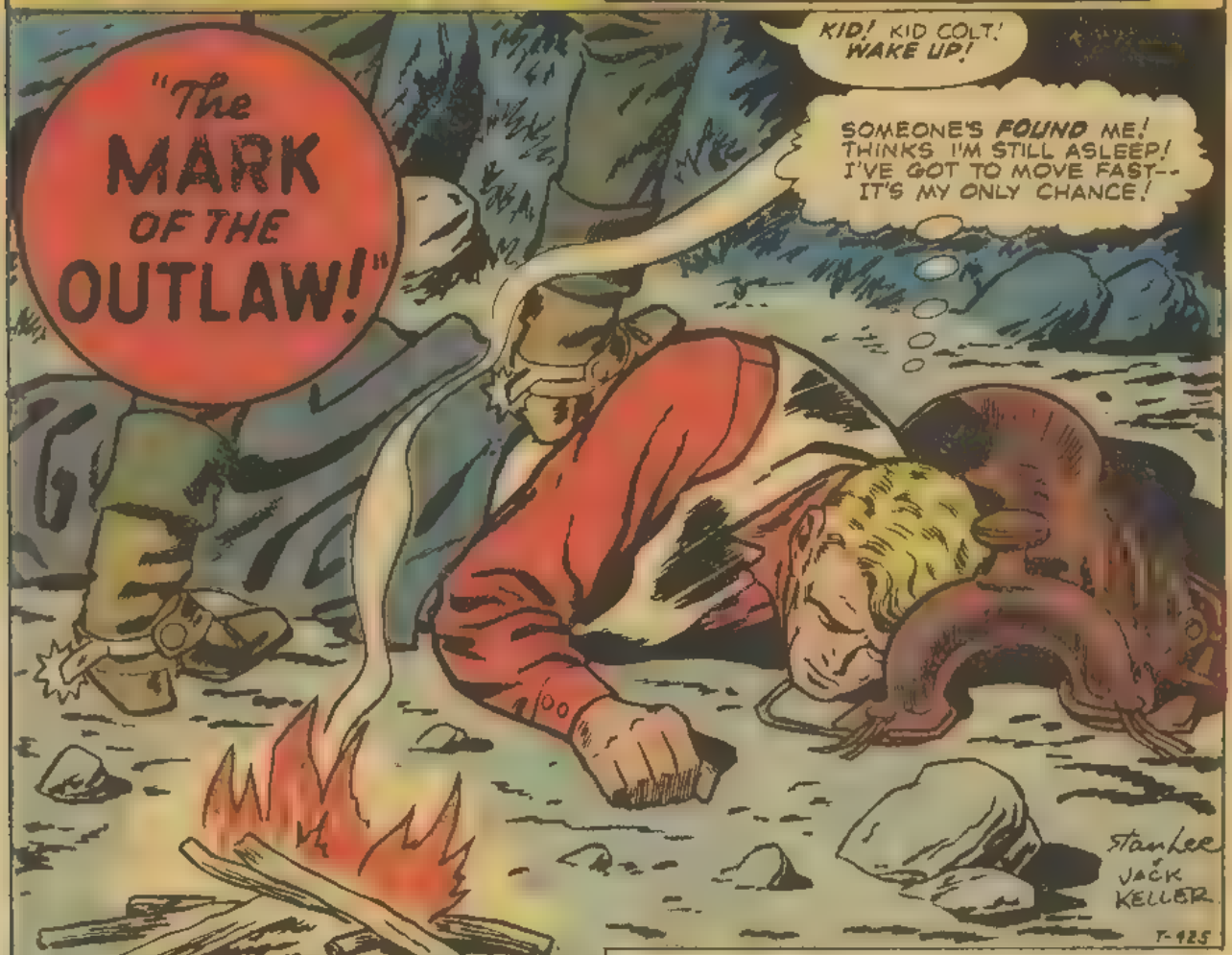
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ALL RIGHT, MISTER, TALK FAST! WHO ARE YUH? WHAT DO YUH WANT?
I'LL BE HORN-SWOGGLED! YORE JUST A YOUNG SPRITE! AIN'T YET HARDLY OUT OF YORE TEENS!
I-I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM, KID! I JUST WANTED TO TALK TO YUH! THAT'S ALL! HONEST!
ALL RIGHT, SHAVER, I'M A GOOD LISTENER! START PALAVERIN', BUT BE SURE TO KEEP YORE HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!
THANKS, KID! I-I HARDLY KNOW HOW TO SAY IT BUT--
I WANNA BECOME YOUR PARD! I READ ABOUT YOU FOR YEARS-- FOLLOWED YOUR ADVENTURES IN THE PAPERS AND MAGAZINES... AND NOW THAT I STUMBLED OVER YOU BY ACCIDENT, I WANT YOU TO LET ME RIDE WITH YOU!
WHOA! SLOW DOWN, SONNY! WHO ARE YUH? WHERE ARE YUH FROM?
I LIVE IN A LITTLE CABIN UP ON THAT HILL, WITH MY MA AND PA! BUT NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS UP THERE! NO EXCITEMENT, NO ADVENTURE! I WANNA LIVE THE KIND OF LIFE YOU LIVE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YORE FOLKS? HOW WOULD THEY FEEL?
SHUCKS, THEY'LL MISS ME, I RECKON! BUT AFTER A SPELL, THEY'LL FORGET ABOUT ME! I AIN'T HANKERIN' TO GROW UP TO BE A FARMER, LIKE PA, NOT WHEN I CAN RIDE THE OWL-HOOT TRAIL LIKE YOU!
QUIET! I HEAR HOOFBEATS! SOMEONE'S COMIN'! TAKE COVER!
CLOP CLOP

SETH, ARE YUH THERE? I HEARD YUH RIDE OFF BEFORE! SAW YORE PONY TRACKS! SETH, ANSWER ME! ARE YUH THERE? WHAT'S WRONG, BOY?
SHHH! MY PA WILL GO AWAY SOON IF'N HE DON'T SEE US!.
NO, HE WON'T! I WANT THAT SADDLE HE'S RIDIN' ON!!
CLAM UP, MISTER, AND GIT OFF THAT HOSS! I AIM TO RELIEVE YUH OF THAT SADDLE!
WHO--WHO ARE YUH, STRANGER?
THE NAME'S KID COLT, AND I GOT NO TIME TO WASTE WORDS! NOW HAND OVER THAT SADDLE, OR TASTE LEAD!
NO--K D, YUH CAN'T TAKE PA'S SADDLE! I-I THOUGHT YUH NEVER ROBBED NOBODY!
SETH! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE?
HIM AND ME ARE GONNA BE PARDS, M STER! AFTER WE TAKE THAT SADDLE OF YORES!
PA, I D DN T KNOW! I ALWAYS HEARD HE ONLY FOUGHT OTHER OWL-HOOTS!
SO YUH WERE RUNN N' AWAY FROM HOME SETH? W.THOUT TELL'N' MA AND ME!
MISTER, I AIN'T ASKIN' YUH NO MORE! HAND OVER THAT SADDLE!
PA!
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KID, YUH CAN'T HIT MY PA!
I CAN'T, HUH?
THIS'LL SHOW YUH WHAT I CAN DO!
JGH!
I DON'T THINK YORE GONNA RIDE WITH ME, SHAVER! YORE TOO SOFT! I OUGHTTA TEACH YUH A REAL LESSON!
LISTEN, KID, IF YUH HIT MUH SON AGAIN, I'LL KILL YUH!
YOU? HAW HAW! LISTEN TO THE OLD MAN! YUH TALK PRETTY BIG FOR A HOMBRE WHO'S GONNA LOSE A SADDLE!
THE KID SAW THE OLDER MAN'S HANDS TENSE--KNEW WHAT WAS COMING--BUT DIDN'T MOVE A MUSCLE! HE WAITED FOR THE BLOW!
I'LL SHOW YUH WHO'S GONNA LOSE A SADDLE, YUH NO-GOOD OWLHOOT!
OVER AND OVER THE FARMER STRUCK THE KID, AS THE MOST DANGEROUS FIGHTING MAN IN THE WEST HELD HIMSELF IN CHECK AND TOOK THE BLOWS--NOT STRIKING BACK!
HERE'S YORE BIG, BAD OUTLAW, SETH! HERE'S THE MAN, WHO'S BEEN YORE HERO, BOY! LOOK AT HIM! CAN'T EVEN FIGHT WITHOUT HIS GUN IN HIS HAND!

AND THEN, FINALLY...
HAD ENOUGH, BAD MAN?
YEAH.. YEAH...
SLOWLY, HOLDING HIS LIGHTNING-FAST DRAW BACK AS LONG AS HE COULD THE K.D WENT FOR HIS OTHER COLT, KNOWING THAT SETH WAS WATCHING HIS EVERY MOVE!
YUH'LL NEVER HIT ANYONE AGAIN, MISTER!
K.D NO!
YUH ORNERY KILLER! YUH AIN'T GONNA SHOOT MY PA.
NOW, PICK UP YORE DUDS AND R DE OFF! IF I EVER SEE HIDE NOR HAIR OF YUH 'ROUND THESE PARTS AGAIN, I'LL FINISH THE JOB!
D-DON'T HURT ME! I'LL GO--I PROMISE! IT WUZ ALL A LITTLE JOKE! THAT'S ALL! I'M GOIN'!!
SON, I'M RIGHT PROUD OF YUH!
AND I'M PROUD OF YOU TOO, PA! TACKLIN' K.D COLT HIMSELF, EMPTY-HANDED, JUST TO SAVE ME! I RECKON I KNOW NOW WHAT A FOOL I WUZ WANTIN' TO LEAVE YOU AND MA JUST TO RIDE WITH A YELLA GUNSLINGER LIKE HIM! I--I GOT A LOT OF MAKIN' UP TO DO!
SOMETIMES A MAN HAS TO APPEAR TO BE BAD, IN ORDER TO DO SOMETHING GOOD! I RECKON IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY THINK OF ME, SO LONG AS SETH REALIZES THAT A MAN'S PLACE IS WITH HIS FAMILY-- AND THAT A FARMER CAN BE BRAVE AS ANY GUNFIGHTER!
NO, NEITHER SETH NOR HIS FATHER WOULD EVER REALIZE THAT THE MAN THEY SCORNED HAD BEFRIENDED THEM IN THE ONLY WAY HE COULD! BUT K.D COLT WANTED NO THANKS-- WANTED NO GLORY! ALL HE ASKED WAS A CHANCE TO FULFILL HIS DESTINY AS HE RODE INTO THE IMPERISHABLE LEGENDS OF THE WEST!
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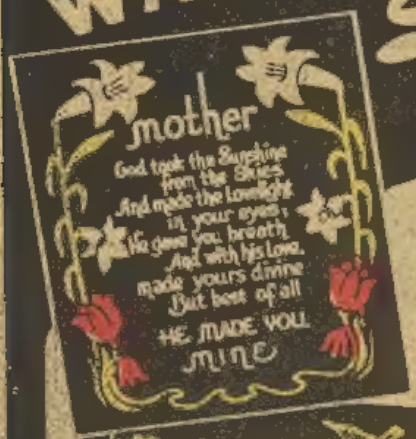

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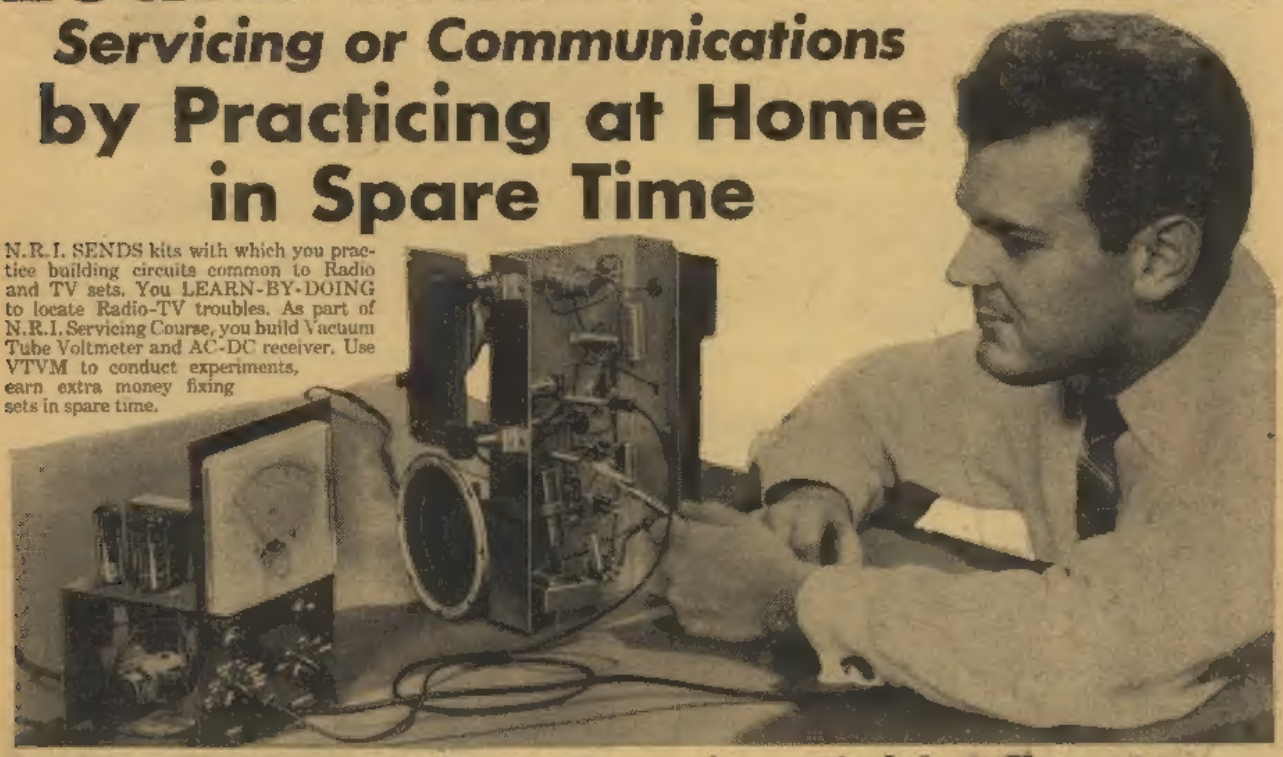

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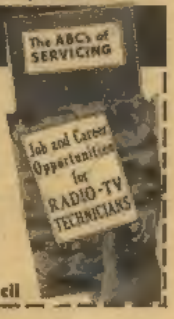

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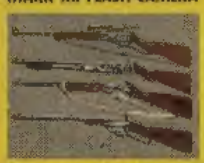
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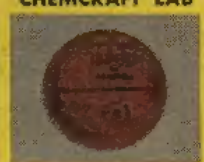
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